

A copy of the drawings with proposed changes marked in red accompanies this Amendment. The changes are proposed to comply with the Examiner's objections. Approval of the changes is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the Oath or Declaration is respectfully requested. The Declaration sets forth the residence addresses of the inventors, together with their Zip Codes. Clearly, this constitutes the Post Office address of each inventor. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Declaration is not defective.

The Abstract has been amended as requested.

It is believed that the claims have been amended so as to eliminate the lack of clarity, vagueness and indefiniteness noted by the Examiner.

Claim 4 has not been amended because it is believed that "separator mechanism" is not vague; rather, it is a broad description covering the mechanism within the housing in Figure 4, and all other mechanisms which can be used to separate tickets from a strip.

With respect to the "curved rear side wall" for the enclosure recited in Claim 6, examples of such curved rear side walls are shown in the left-hand portions of Figures 1, 2, 6, 8 and 9 of the drawings.

As to the "housing extension" in lines 4-5, see page 11, lines 10-24 of the Specification, and Figure 9 of the drawings.

The objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) has been resolved by the addition of enclosed new Figures 11 and 12 to the drawings, and corresponding descriptive text from the specification of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/385,336 filed August 30, 1999, one of the applications from which priority is claimed herein. Changes in the reference numerals have been made in order to make them compatible with the present patent application and the reference numerals of Figure 4 have been slightly modified in order to conform to the reference numerals of the added drawing figures.

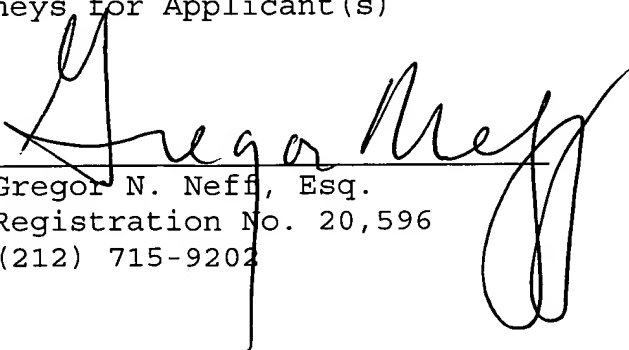
It is respectfully requested that the claim of priority from Serial No. 09/385,336 be added to the Filing Receipt.

An Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

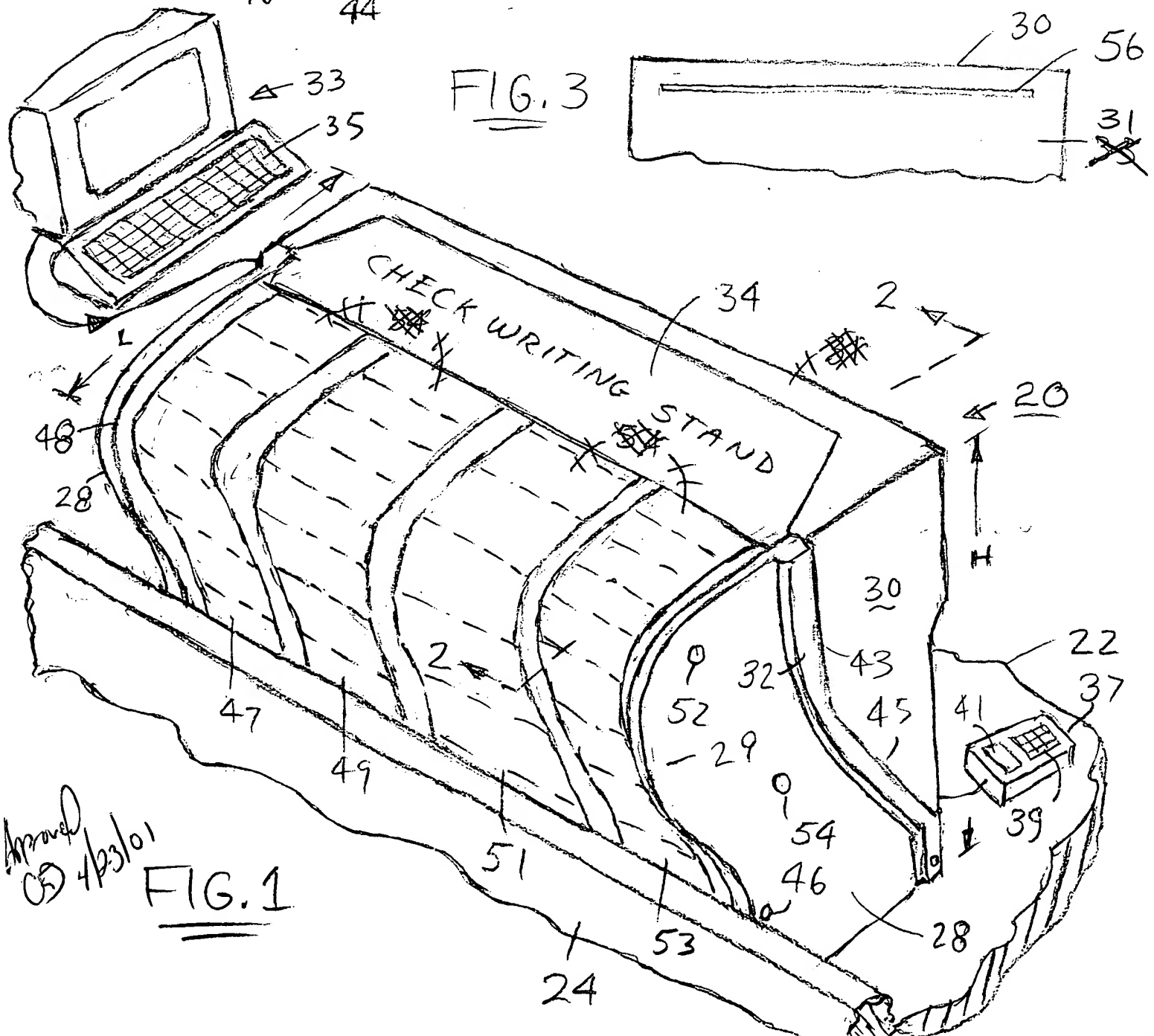
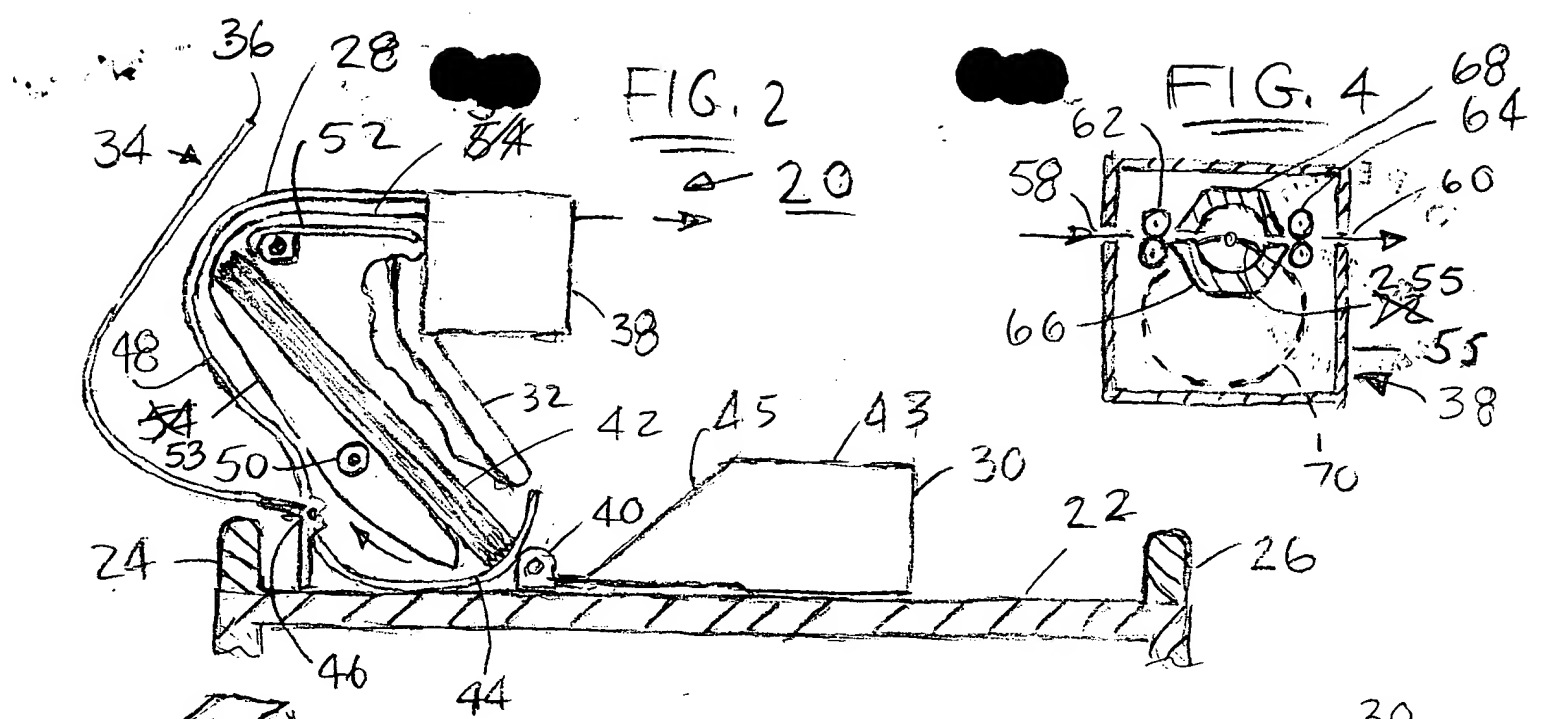
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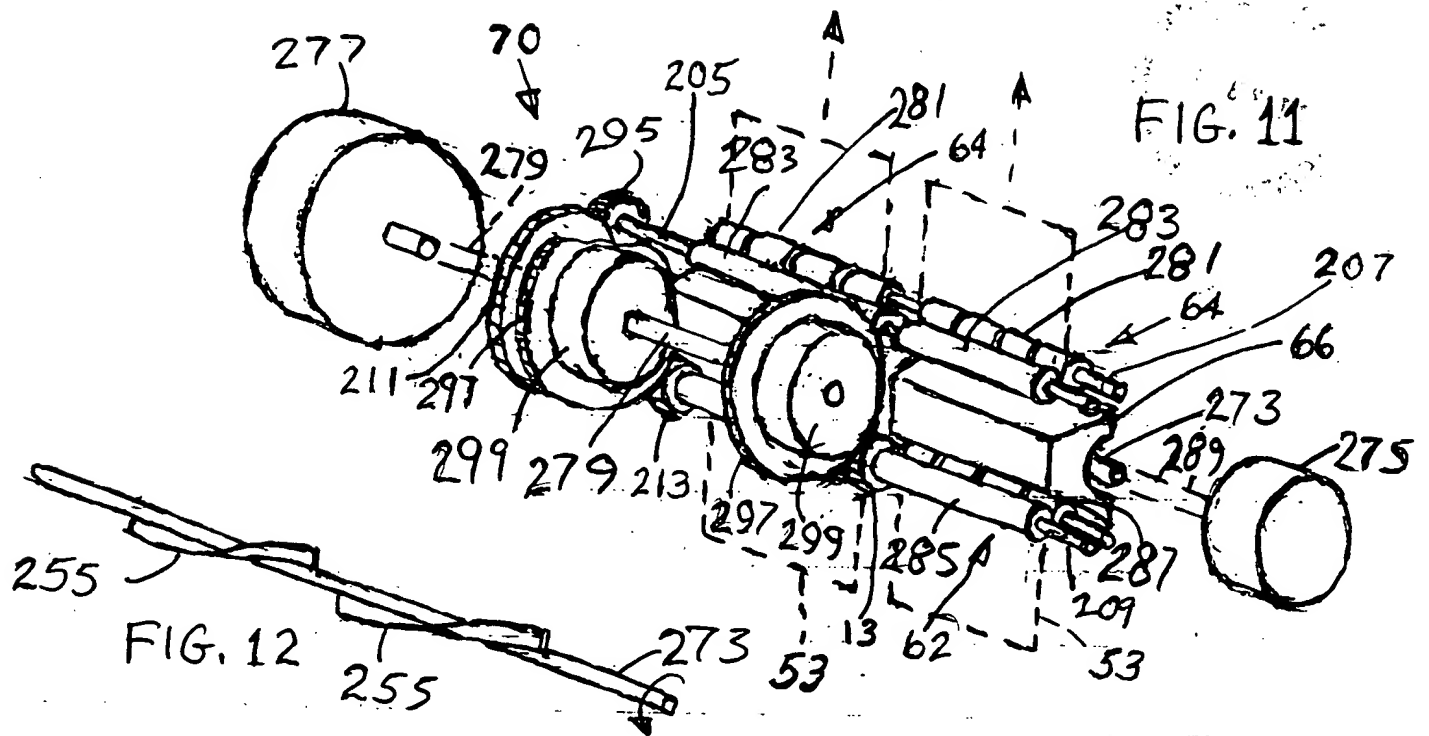
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